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Re: Brian Lenihan

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am a recent UCD postgraduate and an FE1 candidate writing to express my keen interest in a trainee solicitor position at ByrneWallace LLP commencing September 2024. As I have a strong academic background, practical skills and experience as an intern, and a drive to become a solicitor, I believe I am a candidate worth considering for the position.

In September 2022, I graduated from UCD with a Masters in Common Law, and passed my first two FE1 examinations in March 2023. From April to August 2023, I interned at Meagher Solicitors LLP. This gave me great insight into the practical application of legal theory. While the experience was an opportunity for me to develop my practical skills, it also served to affirm my desire to qualify as a solicitor. During my time as an intern, I gained practical experience in a number of practice areas, taking particular interest in employment law cases. That said, at this point in my career I recognise I need to experience a wide range of practice areas before choosing a speciality.

Legal practice as a career has always been of interest to me because I thrive working in goal oriented environments. Commercial practice appeals to me because it attracts varied clients, with their own unique set of challenges and goals. I believe a solicitor's role is to navigate the legal rules of play to come as close to a client's desired outcome as possible. I consider myself to be a good mediator and problem solver, as well as a team player. These attributes, together with my academic knowledge, practical skillset, and hardworking attitude, will make me a successful solicitor.

Benefiting from my broad academic background as an English and Philosophy graduate, I possess strong communication and writing skills, and an ability to logically and deductively engage with complex texts to construct coherent, well-structured arguments. These are skills which are crucial in the legal profession.

I plan to complete my eight FE1 examinations in March 2024.

Enclosed is my CV for further review. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of joining your firm.

Kind regards,



Brian Lenihan